

in other grades (6.3% for 9th graders, 6.1% for 10th graders, 6.5% for 11th graders).

- Being threatened or injured with a weapon on school property during the preceding 12 months was much more common for males (10.8%) than for females (7.6%), with an overall prevalence of 9.3% of Tennessee students. The prevalence decreased from 10.5% among 9th graders and 10% among 10th graders to 9.1% and 6.7% among 11th and 12th graders, respectively.
- During the preceding 30 days, 7.4% of students in Tennessee and 6.6% of students nationwide did not attend school because they felt unsafe either at school or en route to or from school. Females (8.6%) were more likely than males (6.1%) to have missed school because they felt unsafe.

Violence in Relationships

- Nine percent of both male and female students had been intentionally hit, slapped, or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend during the previous 12 months in Tennessee, compared to 9.5% in the U.S. The rate was higher in females (10.1%) than males (7.7%). Twelfth graders (7.9%) showed the lowest percentage of being physically hurt and 10th graders (10.8%), the highest. Ninth (8.3%) and 11th (8.4%) graders fell in the middle range.

Forced Sexual Intercourse

- Eight-and-one-half percent of Tennessee students reported that at some time they had been forced to have sexual intercourse, close to the U.S. prevalence of 7.7%. Females (10.8%) were more likely to report unwanted sexual intercourse than males (6.2%). Twelfth graders (7.0%) reported the lowest prevalence of unwanted sexual intercourse, compared to ninth (8.6%), tenth (8.9%), and eleventh (9.1%) graders.

Depression, Suicidal Ideation, Planning, and Attempts

- Thirty percent of high school students in Tennessee reported that they had feelings of sadness or hopelessness almost every day for two or more consecutive weeks, and that these feelings caused them to stop doing some of their usual activities, compared to 28% nationwide. These feelings were much more prevalent among females (38%) than among males (22%).
- In both Tennessee and nationwide, 19% of students had considered attempting suicide within the past 12 months. In Tennessee, suicidal ideation was much more prevalent among females (22%) than males (16%). In addition, white students (20.4%) were more likely to consider suicide than black students (14.7%).